

**REMARKS**

Claims 3-6 and 8-15 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 2, 7 and 16 have been cancelled by the above amendment. Furthermore, claims 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 are independent.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that claims 3-6 and 8-15 recite allowable subject matter and would be allowed if rewritten into independent form including all features of the base claim and any intervening claims. The above amendment accepts the Examiner's determination of allowability. Specifically, allowable claims 3-6 and 9-13 have been rewritten into independent form including all the features of base claim 1 except for one noted feature. This one noted feature is the last wherein clause of claim 1 which recites that the program signal includes a PCR (program clock reference) serving as time information. Applicant has not included this feature within the rewritten independent claims because the Examiner has indicated in previous actions that this language is not necessary for allowability. For example, please refer to the Office Action mailed August 18, 2004 in which claims 3-16 and 8-15 were indicated as allowable. This indication of allowability was at a time in which this noted feature was not part of the allowable claims. Therefore, this one noted feature is not considered necessary for patentability as previously indicated and confirmed by previous Office Actions.

Thus, all claims are clearly in condition for allowance. Please note that claims 7, 8, 14, 15 are dependent claims that depend from clearly allowable claims.

35 USC §103 Rejection

Claims 1, 2, 7, 16 are rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Shimoji in view of Perkins. This rejection is respectfully traversed. Claims 1, 2, 7 and 16 have been cancelled thereby clearly rendering this rejection moot. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this prior art rejection.

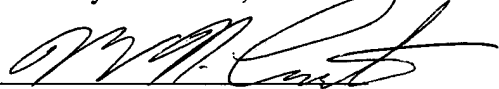
Conclusion

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Michael R. Cammarata (Reg. No. 39,491) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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